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Applicant's Docket No. U 016409-0

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: JAIME GOSALVEZ BERENGUER, ET AL.  
Serial No.: 10/586,298                      Group No.: 1637  
Filed: APRIL 17, 2007                      Examiner: BAUGHMAN, MOLLY E.  
For: A PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF FRAGMENTATION OF DNA IN ANIMAL SPERM  
Confirmation No.: 4147  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P. O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. The application is qualified as  
☒ a small entity.  
☐ other than a small entity.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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- Only the date of filing (§ 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation. Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (§ 1.10) or facsimile transmission (§ 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

**NOTE:** *"Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.*

*If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).*

**NOTE:** *See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.*

**NOTE:** *37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)". . . an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."*

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply for a term of up to six (6) months.

*(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)*

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 130.00	\$ 65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 490.00	\$ 245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 555.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 865.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 1,175.00
Fee \$ _____		

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	*	Minus	**	=	x \$ 26	\$		x \$ 52=	\$
Indep.	*	Minus	***	=	x \$ 110	\$		x \$ 220	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ \$195=	\$		+ \$390=	\$
					Total Addit. Fee	\$ ____	OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$ ____

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING:** "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

## FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Charge Account No. 12-0425 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425.

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The listing of the claims begins on page 2.

The remarks begin on page 5.

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